

State of Hawai'i
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of State Parks
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i

**SUBJECT: Selection of Projects for Federal Grant Awards through the Land and Water
Conservation Fund Program for Fiscal Year 2009**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF) is a Federal grants program administered by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) to expand public outdoor recreation opportunities. These Federal funds are made available to county and state agencies for acquisition of recreation areas, new construction of recreational facilities, and rehabilitation of existing facilities. The federal funds must be matched with State funds, County funds, or in-kind services. The Division of State Parks takes the lead in notifying the county parks and recreation departments, as well as recreational agencies within DLNR, of the availability of funds, accepting applications, and making a preliminary selection of projects for the grant awards. The Board approves this selection of projects as a means of soliciting public comment in the selection process and authorizing DLNR to enter into project agreements with the NPS for the selected projects receiving grant awards.

In order to qualify to receive these Federal funds, Hawai'i must prepare a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) every 5 years. State Parks recently completed the 2008 update (dated April 2009) which includes an inventory the state's recreational resources, including parks, boat ramps and small harbors, hunting areas, trails, and other recreational facilities. The update also assessed the recreational demands and priorities based on consultation with government agencies and input from public surveys and meetings. Projects for grant awards are rated on their ability to meet the state's recreational demands and priorities as identified in the 2008 SCORP Update.

Hawai'i's apportionment for FY09 from NPS is \$286,672. A small portion of these funds (\$27,857) was used to fund all the project awards in FY08 which left a balance of \$258,815. Hawai'i has requested that NPS release another \$20,000 available in our Special Reapportionment Account. The \$20,000 reflects a lower actual cost for the SCORP Update than projected. Therefore, we have \$278,815 available in FY09. The Counties and recreational agencies were notified about the availability of these grant funds in January 2010 and applications were accepted until March 1, 2010. Only two applications were received, in part because two of the Counties are currently ineligible to apply for these grant funds due to an unresolved conversion.

ITEM E-1

- 15-00162 Renovation of facilities at Hāpuna Beach State Recreation Area, Hawai'i Island
Applicant: Department of Land and Natural Resources
Amount Requested: \$100,000
Project Description: Reroofing of 3 comfort stations and 2 picnic pavilions, repair of 8 picnic shelters, renovation of 6 A-frame camp shelters and campground restroom, and upgrade of electrical and plumbing.
SCORP Needs & Issues: This project will provide a safe and well-maintained recreational area for both residents and visitors and accommodate the growing need for facilities that support ocean recreation.
Comments: State CIP funds as match; construction scheduled to begin in 2010.
- 15-00163 Construction of New Playground at Pana'ewa Zoo, Hilo, Hawai'i Island
Applicant: County of Hawai'i, Department of Parks and Recreation
Amount Requested: \$286,672
Project Description: Construction of a new children's playground, shade system, ADA picnic tables, ADA family restroom, and landscaping.
SCORP Needs & Issues: This project will provided increased outdoor recreation opportunities for children and families and provide support facilities not currently available at the Pana'ewa Zoo.
Comments: County funds and in-kind services as match; construction scheduled to begin in 2010-2011.

RECOMMENDATION:

Both of the project applications for FY09 meet Hawai'i's recreational demands, although Hāpuna Beach State Recreation Area was ranked slightly higher because it addresses higher priority needs. The County of Hawai'i has agreed to accept a lesser grant amount based on the funds available. It is recommended that the Board approve the selection of the two projects to receive LWCF grant funds, subject to final approval by the National Park Service.

1. \$100,000 grant to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for renovation and repair of facilities at Hāpuna Beach State Recreation Area.
2. \$178,815 grant to the County of Hawai'i for construction of a new playground, restroom, and picnic tables, and landscaping at Pana'ewa Zoo.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



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